

Remarks

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-2, 11, 13, 17-20, and 22-46 are currently pending. The Examiner acknowledged Applicant's amendment to the claims filed October 3, 2003.

Restriction Election not fully responsive

The Office Communication states that the submission filed on October 3, 2003, is allegedly not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because Applicants failed to elect a single invention selected from Groups ff) to jjj) as required.

Applicants disagree and note that a cursory glance at the newly submitted claims 25-46, as acknowledged by the Examiner in the current Office Communication, would clearly reveal that a single invention was at least *implicitly* elected, as the new claims are drawn, in part, to SEQ ID NO: 52, cast as Group (pp).

Nevertheless, Applicants herein reiterate the provisional election, *with traverse* to Group II (isolated polypeptide) as recited in claim 11 and Group (pp) as encompassed in claims 25-46, and submit that the restriction requirement be withdrawn for the reasons articulated in Applicants' submission of October 3, 2003.

Conclusion

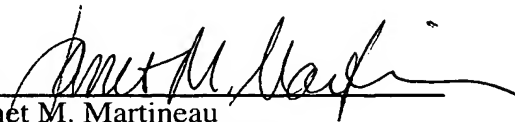
Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below if any further action by Applicant would expedite the examination of this application.

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under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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